

Minutes

Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) Committee

January 12, 2017

12pm @ CICWCD offices

Committee Members:

Joe Melling	Brent Hunter	Spencer Jones	Paul Bittmenn
Paul Cozzens	Paul Nelson	Ramon Prestwich	Rob Dotson
Reed Erickson	Paul Monroe		

Members Excused:

Rob Dotson

Other Attendees:

Mike Worthen

Reed Erickson introduced Mike Worthen and two other committees which the County is developing (Iron County Resource Management Plan Committee, and Iron County Land Use Committee)

Motion made by Reed Erickson to appoint Joe Melling as the Chair of the Groundwater Management Plan Committee for the Cedar Valley Basin in Iron County. Second by Ramon Prestwich. Vote was unanimous.

Joe Melling suggested the role of the committee be to design a plan which we would then recommend to the State Engineer. It was agreed upon by the group that a good faith effort needed to be conducted to show the State Engineer in six months. Another role of the committee is to help reach out to the constituents we all represent to provide buy-in as well as input back to the committee as the plan is being developed. Our efforts will accomplish nothing if in the end, all we have is a lawsuit.

Paul Cozzens discussed progress with recharge projects and several others had further input and suggestions for artificially recharging water.

Ramon Prestwich strongly encouraged bringing the effluent water from the WWTP back up to farmers in the center of the valley to use in the summer for crops and gravel pits in the winter for recharge.

Spencer Jones – Suggested we outline all the components of all the projects and their potential acre feet which we could then intern prioritize and help determine solutions to obtain safe yield in the basin.

Reed Erickson identified five key topics that merit individual meetings and attention to remain productive and help us accomplish our goal.

1. How do we manage the unused water rights on the books?
2. How to accomplish Safe Yield?
3. How do we preserve agriculture and continue to supply growth?
4. What are our recharge options?
5. What are our Sewer effluent options?

It was agreed that meetings will occur on the second Thursday at noon of every month. Next meeting February 9, 2017.